

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 05 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 06 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 04 Jan 2022 at 15:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for brief window of quieter weather on Wednesday. Also high confidence for return to changeable, often cold, windy conditions from Thursday onwards.

Headline for Wednesday 05 Jan 2022: Mostly dry and sunny with lighter winds. Staying cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 05 Jan 2022

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 05 Jan 2022

Weather: Snow showers will continue to die away overnight with long clear periods developing. Wednesday will be a dry and mostly sunny day, then clear skies and a sharp frost in the glens during the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95%

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility, even more distant hills will be clearly visible. Only a few patches of cloud about 700m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/46 N	36/45 N	34/42 N	29/36 N	24/28 N	18/22 N	12/15 SE	7/9 S	15/20 SE
900	23/32 NW	22/31 NW	20/27 NW	18/24 NW	12/17 NW	11/15 NW	6/9 NW	5/7 S	11/15 SE
600	20/27 NW	19/26 N	19/26 N	15/20 NW	12/16 SW	10/13 SW	6/8 SW	5/6 SE	8/11 S
300	14/22 NW	13/19 N	11/16 NW	9/13 N	5/8 NW	5/7 NW	4/6 S	3/5 SE	7/10 SE
Glen	9/20 NW	7/17 NW	8/17 NW	5/12 NW	6/11 NW	4/8 NW	2/4 W	2/4 E	3/7 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-7/-18	-7/-18	-7/-18	-7/-17	-7/-16	-7/-15	-8/-14	-8/-12	-8/-15
900	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-10	-4/-10	-6/-10	-8/-12	-7/-13
600	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-6	-3/-6	-3/-6	-3/-7
300	0/-5	0/-5	0/-4	-0/-4	1/-2	1/-2	0/-2	0/-2	-0/-4
Glen	3/-1	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1	3/0	2/0	1/-0	0/-1	0/-2
Freezing Level*	300m	200m	200m	200m	200m	300m	200m	100m	00m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Much improved conditions in the hills during the day. Note even with lighter winds in afternoon, it will still feel bitterly cold on the tops.

Forecast for Thursday 06 Jan 2022

Weather: Dry start but soon becoming cloudy. Outbreaks of sleet and snow will spread eastwards during the morning, followed by blustery showers in the evening. Snow will turn to rain below about 500m for a time. Snow accompanied by southerly gales resulting in blizzard conditions over higher ridges and summits.

Maximum wind: Southerly winds, average speeds 30 to 40mph during morning with gusts 50 to 60mph over the tops. Winds becoming southwesterly by evening and speeds decreasing a little.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% at first becoming 20% during morning.

Visibility: Good for a time in morning then very poor as snow sets in with clouds coming well down the hills. Still some pocket of good visibility during the day with clouds lifting at times 600 to 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius at dawn, recovering to plus 3 Celsius by midday.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius rising to Minus 1 Celsius for a time.
Freezing level: 200M rising to 700M for a time then falling to 400m during evening.